

April 12-13, 2025

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Catholic Church

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Mon-Fri 9:00 am-3:30 pm

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

Mon-Fri 8:00 am

Weekend Mass

Sat 4:00 pm (Vigil)

Sun 7:00 am

9:00 am

11:00 am (Bi-lingual)

5:00 pm

Reconciliation

Wed 8:45-10:00 am

Fri 8:45-10:00 am (Lent only)

Sat 2:30-3:30 pm

... or by appointment

Anointing

First Friday of the month

at 8:00 am Mass

... or by appointment

Adoration

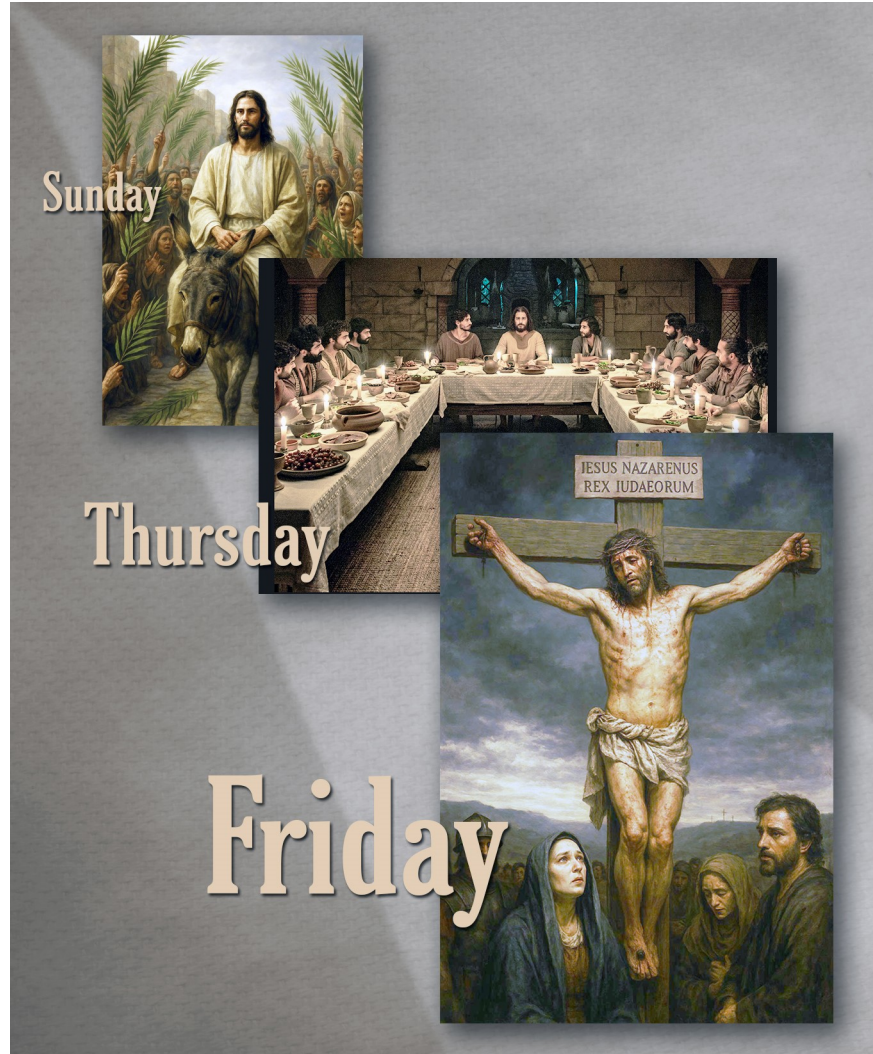
In Church, Wed 8:30 am -8:30 pm

Chapel hours, Mon-Fri

8:00 am-2:30 pm

Rosary in the Church

Mon-Fri 7:30 am



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Parish Mission:

As members of God's Faith Community at Santa Catalina Catholic Parish, we commit our lives to being the voice, hands, and spirit of Christ, as our way of continuing God's call to love and peace.

Misión Parroquial:

Como miembros de la Comunidad de Fe de Dios en la Parroquia Católica Santa Catalina, comprometemos nuestras vidas a ser la voz, las manos y el espíritu de Cristo, como nuestra forma de continuar el llamado de Dios al amor y la paz.

Lenten & Holy Week Calendar 2025

Saturday, Sunday (April 12 – 13)

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- **Saturday:** 4:00 PM Vigil Mass
- **Sunday:** 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 5:00 PM Masses

Wednesday, April 16 – Tenebrae Service

5:30 PM – In the church

Holy Thursday, April 17 – Evening of the Lord's Supper

- *No daily Mass*
- **6:00 PM** – Mass
- **7:00 PM - 10:00 PM** – Repose of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration with Taizé Meditation

Good Friday, April 18 – Stations of the Cross

- *No daily Mass*
- **Adoration in Parish Hall: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

- **12:00 Noon** – Stations in the Garden
- **3:00 PM** – Passion of the Lord Service

Holy Saturday, April 19 – Easter Vigil

- *No Reconciliation and no 4:00 PM Mass*
- **6:00 PM** – Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday – Resurrection of the Lord, April 20

- **Masses:** 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM (*with overflow*), and 11:00 AM
- **No 5:00 PM Mass**

Divine Mercy Sunday (April 26 – 27)

- **Saturday:** 4:00 PM Vigil Mass
- **Sunday:** 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 5:00 PM Masses
- **2:30 PM** – Divine Mercy Holy Hour

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This Week's Meetings & Events

Day	Time	Meeting/Event	Location
Mon, Apr 14	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian Room
	4:00 PM	Music Ministry/choir rehearsal	Church
	5:30 PM	Music Ministry - Bilingual Choir	Church
Tues, Apr 15	9:30 AM	Yoga Faith	Catalina Room
	4:00 PM	5 PM Mass Choir Rehearsal	Church
	6:00 PM	Men's Prayer Group	Marian Room
	6:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group	Saguaro Room
Wed, Apr 16	8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	8:45 AM	Reconciliation	Church
	9:00 AM	Cultivando Mi Fe	Mesquite Room
	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian Room
	1:00 PM	Understanding Sunday Scripture	Catalina Room
	4:30 PM	Faith Formation Classes K-8th	Mesquite, Ocotillo, Cholla
	5:30 PM	Tenebrae Service	Church
Thurs, Apr 17	9:00 AM	Fingerprinting	Parish Hall
	4:00 PM	Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting	Mesquite/Ocotillo Rooms
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting	Mesquite/Ocotillo Rooms
Fri, Apr 18	9:00 AM	Friday Faith Fellowship - The Chosen	Catalina Room
	12:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	Prayer Garden
Sat, Apr 19			
Sun, Apr 20			



Do you wear a hearing aid? We have installed a Hearing Aid loop in the church. Switch hearing



Report Abuse If you or someone you know is a victim of abuse Contact law enforcement (911), call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson (520-623-0344) or visit

Please Silence Your Cell Phone ...at all times inside the Church. Thank you for understanding.



Al-Anon & AA Meetings Thursdays in the Marian Room, Al-Anon is 4-5:00 PM, contact Judy at 520-639-8650. AA is 7-8:30 PM, contact Art at 520- 825-5218.



Is God Calling You to Be a Sister?

A Vocation Retreat with the Daughters of Charity

DAUGHTERS of CHARITY
OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL
Vocation Discernment

Is God Calling You to be a Sister? Join the Daughters of Charity **Search & Serve**

Retreat - a 6 day religious vocation discernment retreat in the Bay Area--May 21 – 26, 2025.

Search your heart. **Explore** your future. **Stay** with the Sisters. **Serve** those living in Poverty side by side

with Us. Housing, Meals and Daily Transportation to our Ministries included. For Single Catholic Women ages 18-40.

Srllaguna@doc1633.org Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/. Complete our Interest Form and we will contact you with more information. ✚



Tenebrae Service – A Journey Through Darkness

Wednesday, April 16th | 5:30 PM | In the Church.

Step into one of the most solemn and powerful services of Holy Week—the Tenebrae Service.

Tenebrae, meaning "darkness" or "shadows," is an ancient service that draws us into the suffering and sacrifice of Christ through scripture, candlelight, and silence. As we recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of Jesus' Passion, the service leaves us in silence—unresolved—reminding us that the story is not complete until Easter.

A Gradual Darkening – Throughout the service, we extinguish candles one by one from a special candelabrum known as the "hearse," symbolizing the growing darkness as Christ approaches the Cross. Only the Christ candle remains, representing His enduring light in the midst of suffering.

A Moment of Silence & Sound – In the final moments, the church is plunged into darkness, and a loud noise—the "strepitus" (Latin for "great noise")—shatters the silence, recalling the earthquake and the tearing of the temple veil at Jesus' death.

A Time for Reflection – This powerful experience sets the mood for the coming days of the Triduum, drawing us into the mystery of Christ's Passion and preparing our hearts for the light of the Resurrection.

This is a deeply moving and unique liturgical experience that brings the reality of Holy Week into focus. We invite you to join us for this powerful service of reflection and anticipation.

Come, sit in the shadows, and journey through the Passion of Christ as we await the dawn of Easter. ✚

Palm Sunday Enactment of the "Passion of the Lord"

As Palm Sunday weekend ushers us into Holy Week, our Passion Play Ministry humbly presents the "Passion of the Lord" to our parish. This year, our team dedicates their performance in loving memory of Greg Nelson, a cherished founding member who was called home to God late last year. His presence continues to be

profoundly missed.

This enactment has been a revered tradition at Santa Catalina for over 25 years, and its continuation and growth depend on your support. If you feel called to participate or are interested in discussing potential involvement, we encourage you to reach out. Please call the parish office at 520

-825-9611 and request to speak with a team member.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the ministry members for their dedication and to all parishioners for your continued support and encouragement. ✚



Save the Date - Alzheimer and Dementia:

Please join the Santa Catalina Mental Health Ministry as it presents its May Mental Health Focus on Monday May 12th at 6 pm and Sunday May 18th at 3 pm.



Katrina Johnson, the Memory Care Coordinator at Sunrise Senior Living will be presenting on the stages of Alzheimer's disease and Dementia, redirection and validation techniques, effective communication strategies, and caregiver burnout.

Katrina is certified through the Alzheimer's Association and has been a certified caregiver for nearly 14 years. Memory care is her passion, and she strives every day to champion the quality of life for all seniors.

The presentation will be in the parish hall. The same presentation will be given each session, so feel free to attend the one that fits your schedule. ✝

Por favor, acompáñenos en el "Ministerio de salud mental" de Santa Catalina mientras presenta su Foro de Salud Mental del mes de mayo, el lunes 12 de mayo a las 6:00 pm y el domingo 18 de mayo a las 3:00 pm.

Katrina Johnson, coordinadora de cuidado de la memoria en Sunrise Senior Living, hará una presentación sobre las etapas de la enfermedad de Alzheimer y la demencia; técnicas de redirección y validación, estrategias de comunicación efectivas y el agotamiento del cuidador.

Katrina está certificada por la Asociación de Alzheimer y ha sido cuidadora certificada por casi 14 años. El cuidado de la memoria es su pasión y cada día se esfuerza por promover la calidad de vida de todos los adultos mayores.

La presentación se llevará a cabo en el salón parroquial. La misma presentación se dará en ambas sesiones, así que siéntase libre de asistir a la que mejor se acomode a su horario. ✝

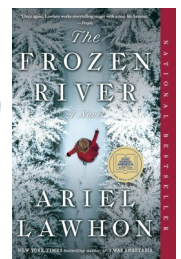
Join the Book Bunch and Bring A Friend on May 8th The group will be discussing *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawson

New York Times Bestseller ♦ GMA Book Club Pick ♦ NPR Book of the Year

From the New York Times bestselling author of *I Was Anastasia* and *Code Name Hélène* comes a gripping historical mystery inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th-century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into American history.

"Fans of Outlander's Claire Fraser will enjoy Lawhon's Martha, who is brave and outspoken when it comes to protecting the innocent. . . impressive."—The Washington Post

The Book Bunch meets on May 8th at 1 PM in the Cholla Room. ✝



Come to YogaFaith



YogaFaith meets Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 in the Santa Catalina room, Parish Hall. Bring a mat and wear comfortable clothing for various postures.

We begin with a prayer and ask for special intentions. Through cleansing breaths, we ask the Holy Spirit to be with us as we stretch and move to realign our standing posture, strengthen our core and improve our balance. All are welcome. ✝

Vienes a YogaFaith

YogaFaith se reúne los martes de 9:30 a 10:30 en la sala Santa Catalina, en el Salón Parroquial. Trae un tapete y usa ropa cómoda para diversas posturas.

Comenzamos con una oración y pedimos por intenciones especiales. A través de respiraciones purificadoras, invitamos al Espíritu Santo a estar con nosotros mientras nos estiramos y movemos para realinear la postura, fortalecer el núcleo y mejorar el equilibrio. ¡Todos son bienvenidos! ✝

Saints Who Fostered Vocations to the Priesthood

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Saint Francis Borgia (Died: 1572) (Feast: October 10)

Francis Borgia came from a powerful and influential family. He lived an intensely holy life in the midst of enormous political responsibility. He was surrounded from childhood by caregivers chosen for their virtue. He served at the imperial court, where it is said he never spoke ill of others or indulged in vices. He married Eleanor, a lady-in-waiting of the empress, with whom he had eight children.

After Eleanor died, Francis made provisions for his children and estates and entered the Jesuits. Saint Ignatius of Loyola appointed him the order's commissary general of Spain. In this capacity, he founded Spain's first Jesuit novitiate as well as a



number of schools. In 1565, he was chosen to lead the entire order.

When he was, as he said, "smitten with the sword of responsibility," he addressed his fellow Jesuits, begging them to offer to God the "fruits of obedience, humility, and patience," to give their neighbors "the oil of mercy and the other remedies," to forget their own differences and "begin a new life, destroying the old man and raising up the new, so that the simplicity, obedience, charity, and humility of the primitive Society may be revived in our hearts." The Jesuit order expanded under his leadership, and he is sometimes called the second founder.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, through the intercession of Saint Francis Borgia, strengthen those you call from the world to your service. ✚

Welcome to Our Parish Community

You're invited to our New Parishioner Reception on April 26, at 5:30 PM, in the Saguaro Room. We are excited to meet YOU and welcome you into our parish family.

This special gathering is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners, learn more about our community, and begin your journey with us in faith and fellowship.

Please RSVP when you receive your invitation in the mail. We can't wait to meet you. ✚



Bienvenidos a Nuestra Comunidad Parroquial

Están invitados a nuestra Recepción para Nuevos Feligreses el 26 de abril de 2025, a las 5:30 p.m., en el Salón Saguaro. Estamos emocionados de conocerlos y darles la bienvenida a nuestra familia parroquial. Esta reunión especial es una maravillosa oportunidad para conectarse con otros feligreses, conocer más sobre nuestra comunidad y comenzar su camino con nosotros en fe y compañerismo. Por favor, confirme su asistencia (RSVP) cuando reciba su invitación por correo. ✚

"The Sunday 5pm Mass is My Favorite"

Sunday at 5pm is my favorite Mass. The smiling faces are so welcoming and familiar. The music is awesome. There're great seats open for the wife and I and there is always a close place to park. It's so easy to fit it into a busy weekend of adventures with friends and family or just sleeping in. There we hear the same message as the 4pm Saturday bunch or the Sunday "early birds", but it can linger more easily into Monday, since

Monday is right around the corner. There's no reason for us to rush out after communion, since it's the last big thing for the day and it's a joy to catch up on the week's events with the other 5pm Mass fans as we make our way to the car. I'm pretty sure that Jesus willingly stays late on Sunday, just to be with us. God Bless.

- Anonymous Pastoral Council Member ✚

Volunteers Needed: Vacation Bible School

Lead children on an exciting adventure through the sacraments at this year's Vacation Bible School. Join us for VBS June 16th-20th, 9:00 am-12:00pm.

Volunteers needed for crafts, snacks, games, and more. No experience needed—you will be fully trained.

We promise a fun, faith-filled, joyous week as you

work in community with your fellow volunteers to gently lead our children to Jesus.

Contact Katharine at RE@santacatalinaparish.org or 505-670-1897 with any questions or to volunteer. ✝



The Traveling Vocations Cross Program

... is a weekly program to pray for Catholic vocations. Participating parishioners attend either the 4 PM Mass or the 5 PM Mass. The priest will call the week's participant to the Altar at the end of Mass to receive the Cross. Participants pray for vocations and return the Cross the following weekend before the appropriate Mass. Members of the Ministry will be outside after the designated Masses to sign up participants. Please pray to promote Catholic vocations. ✝



Financial Report	Weekend 3/30/25	Attendance
Offertory	\$14,555	1421
Major Maintenance	\$190	
Total	\$14,745	
2024	\$33,776	1999
Rectory	\$450	

Come Pray the Rosary Every Sunday in May

May is the Month of Mary. Let us show our devotion to the Blessed Mother by praying the Rosary, singing Marian hymns and asking for her intercession in our needs.

We invite all our parishioners to join us in praying the Rosary to our Blessed Mother Sundays throughout the month of May in the Church at 1:00 PM. The Rosary and songs will be in both English and Spanish so that all may participate. Please join us in this spiritual experience.

Refreshments will be served on the patio afterwards (weather permitting). ✝



Ven a rezar el Rosario todos los domingos de mayo

Mayo es el mes de María. Demostremos nuestra devoción a la Santísima Madre rezando el Rosario, cantando himnos marianos y pidiendo su intercesión por nuestras necesidades.

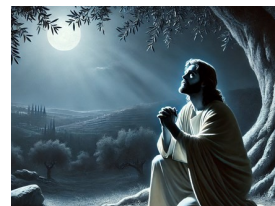
Invitamos a todos nuestros feligreses, a unirse a nosotros para rezar el Rosario a nuestra Santísima Madre, todos los domingos de mayo en la Iglesia a la 1:00 p. m. El Rosario y los cantos, se cantarán en inglés y español para que todos puedan participar. Únase a nosotros en esta experiencia espiritual.

Al terminar la actividad, se servirán refrigerios en el patio (si el clima lo permite). ✝

Spiritual

Gospel Reflection:

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!



Ready or not, we've entered Holy Week—what we call the Semana Mayor, the Great Week. It is a sacred time, a time unlike any other, where we pause to remember and to walk with Jesus as He enters Jerusalem, not in splendor and power, but in humility and love.

The crowds wave their palms, shouting praises. The streets are alive with hope. The King has come! But this same crowd—how quickly it changes. In just a few days, we will move from celebration to sorrow, from palms to the Passion, from “Hosanna” to “Crucify him.”

And so I ask you—how will we accompany Jesus this week?

What are our plans—not just as individuals, but as families, as a parish community? Some may take time for rest, some may travel—and that is good and needed. But wherever we go, let us not leave Jesus behind. Let us make space for prayer, for silence, for reflection on the mystery of His love.

This is the week when we remember His betrayal... His abandonment... His suffering...

We remember Judas, who traded Him for silver.

Peter, who denied knowing Him.

The disciples, who ran in fear after promising to stay.

And yet, Jesus remains love. A love that never gives up, even when surrounded by darkness.

He heals the soldier who comes to arrest Him.

He forgives those who crucify Him.

He promises paradise to a thief beside Him.

What does this love say to us today?

What is Jesus inviting us to?

Each one of us must answer that in our own heart. But one thing is clear: at the end of the road, at the end of all the pain and betrayal, it is love that triumphs.

Let us walk this week with hearts open, following Jesus step by step. Let us not be spectators of His Passion, but companions on the way.

And as we do, may we come to know more deeply that love is not defeated. Love is what endures. Love is what saves. ✝

The Stones Will Cry Out - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I have a complicated relationship with evangelization.

I don't think that we (I'm talking about 21st-century American Catholics here) have had much formation around what exactly it means to proclaim the Gospel. We don't know how to do it. We don't really *want* to do it. It sounds kind of scary and awkward. It sounds like knocking on strangers' doors and yelling through the keyhole, “Have you accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior?” It sounds like arguing with friends and family. It sounds like a real pain.

I'm Catholic. I'm proud of being Catholic. I do my Catholic things in my Catholic house throughout my Catholic life. But is that enough?

All Christians are called to “wordless witness” in how they live their lives, writes Paul VI in the apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi* — but this alone, he says, is “insufficient.” We must talk about Jesus. We must name him. We must speak of his life, his

promises. We must *proclaim* him. We must be loud enough that a Pharisee would cringe at us.

And yet — and Paul VI acknowledges this — it's not actually evangelization if we do it so badly that nobody listens. If we “impose” truth on someone's conscience instead of “proposing” it. If we make the mistake of thinking there is one singular way to share Christ with the great variety of personalities that exist in this world.

Dear reader, I am running out of column space, and still I have no answers for you, or for myself. I don't know how to do it well. But I know we have to try. We have to pray. We have to reflect. We have to be patient. We have to be humble. We have to remember it's about him and not about us.

Most of all, when we find ourselves confused and retreating into silence, we must remember Christ's words: “If they keep silent, the stones will cry out.” ✝

This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention
Mon, Apr 14	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠ Mike Sieverding by Joe & Deb Sieverding
			For those with mental illness by Mental Health Ministry
Tue, Apr 15	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Gilbert Parra by the family
			✠ Harold & Hazel Smith by Carol Smith
			✠ Bill Nagle by Gloria Johnson
Wed, Apr 16	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠ Elaine & Donald Jurish by Marilyn Kramer
Thu, Apr 17	6:00 PM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Marie & Ralph Gates by Ruth Kelly
			For Pope Francis, all the bishops, priests & deacons of the church
Fri, Apr 18	3:00 PM	Fr. Huy Vu	No Mass Intentions
Sat, Apr 19	6:00 PM	Fr. Huy Vu	Those initiated into the church that they may grow in their understanding of the Catholic faith
Sun, Apr 20	7:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	For those suffering because of their Christian faith
	9:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	For Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year
	11:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	For all families especially those suffering from separation
	5:00 PM	No Mass	No Mass

First Reading: The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

Second Reading: Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. (Phil 2:9)

Gospel: Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." (Lk 22:19)

Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Today's Readings for the week of April 14*:

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18
(see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or
Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—
15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/ Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/ Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
(3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/
Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12



Please Pray for Our Parishioners



Gloria Carbajal	Linda Howard	Maureen McCabe	Robert Perry
Mimi Cuono	Michael Sienkiewicz, Jr	John Melkun	Jaime Santiago
Leslie Fore	David W. Maloney	Molly Minke	Bob Stamer
Anita Garcia	Manuel Martinez	Cecilia Montano	Gregory Surowiec
Pat Gasca	Bertha Martinez	Edward Montano, Jr	Bill Terrazas
Billy Higgins	Molly McCabe	Joseph O'Connor	Sophie Varalli
Rene Terrazas	Jeffrey Van Slyae	Raul Velasquez	Ty Vallinoto
Charles Lohr	Derek Palmer	Jeanie Polak	George Price

Rosario Fimbres

Wait...What Happened to the Gloria?

If you've noticed the Gloria is missing at Mass lately, it's not a mistake—it's part of the Catholic Church's tradition during Lent.

The *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* ("Glory to God in the highest") is a joyful hymn sung on Sundays and feast days. But during Lent, it is intentionally left out. Why? Because Lent is a penitential season—a time of reflection, repentance, and preparation for Easter. The Church invites us to walk with Christ through the desert, fasting not only with our bodies, but even in our liturgy.

Omitting the Gloria—and also the *Alleluia* before the Gospel—is one way the Church "fasts" from joyful expressions. Music tends to be more subdued, and the overall tone of Mass is more reflective. This helps prepare our hearts to fully celebrate the

Resurrection when Easter comes.

You'll hear the Gloria again during the **Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday**, which marks the beginning of the Easter Triduum. It returns triumphantly during the **Easter Vigil**, when the Church bursts into full celebration of Christ's Resurrection.

A similar change happens during **Advent**, though for a different reason. While the Gloria *is* omitted during Advent too, the season is not as penitential. Advent is more about anticipation and quiet hope. So music still shifts to a more restrained tone, reflecting waiting rather than repentance.

So if Mass feels a little quieter these days, that's intentional. It's a beautiful part of the Church's rhythm—fasting now, so we can truly feast later. ✚

Where do Palm Sunday palms come from and where should they go?

These days, obtaining palms takes a lot of planning and coordination, as hundreds of thousands of churches worldwide need them on the same day! Many in the United States order palms from Florida, California, Texas, or Central America.

The palms used on Palm Sunday are blessed at Mass. This means they shouldn't end up in the trash! Many people weave palms into crosses or display them in their homes often across the top of a hanging crucifix

or cross. If you do not plan on displaying your palms throughout the year, they should be burned, buried, or placed in the basket you will find in the Narthax (back of church). If you burn them, the ashes should be disposed of reverently - either by burying them or spreading them in the garden. Parishes burn their extra supply of blessed palms to provide the ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday service. ✚

An Invitation to Experience God's Boundless Mercy: Divine Mercy Sunday - April 27

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures forever." (Psalm 118:1)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue to bask in the radiant joy of Easter, our hearts are drawn to a profound celebration that Pope Saint John Paul II established for the universal Church in the Jubilee Year 2000. On the Second Sunday of Easter—marking the beautiful culmination of the Easter Octave—we gather as a community of faith to celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday**.

This special feast emerged through the mystical experiences of Saint Faustina Kowalska, to whom Jesus revealed the unfathomable depths of His merciful heart. Through her, Christ reminds us that His mercy is not simply an attribute but the very essence of His love for each of us—personally, intimately, and completely.

In our journey of faith, we sometimes find ourselves carrying burdens of regret, doubt, or spiritual weariness. Divine Mercy Sunday stands as a healing reminder that God's mercy awaits us not as a distant possibility, but as a present reality. As Jesus told Saint Faustina: *"My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet."*

The Divine Mercy devotion offers us five beautiful pathways to encounter God's transforming mercy:

- **Feast** - We celebrate God's infinite mercy on this special Sunday, when Christ promised extraordinary graces to those who approach Him with trust
- **Image** - We venerate the sacred image of the Merciful Jesus, with rays of pale and red light flowing from His heart, bearing the promise: *"Jesus, I trust in You"*
- **Novena** - We bring different souls before the throne of mercy through a nine-day journey of prayer beginning on Good Friday. There will be Divine Mercy brochures available in the Narthex.
- **Chaplet** - We offer prayers that echo the sacrifice of Christ, appealing to the Father's mercy for ourselves and our world
- **Hour of Mercy** - We pause at 3:00 PM—the sacred hour of Christ's sacrifice—to unite ourselves with His redemptive love

In a world often marked by division, judgment, and spiritual hunger, the message of Divine Mercy speaks directly to our deepest yearning for healing and reconciliation. As Saint John Paul II reminded us, "Where, if not in Divine Mercy, can the world find refuge and the light of hope?"

We warmly invite you to join us in this celebration of God's tender compassion:

Divine Mercy Holy Hour Sunday, April 27th at 2:30 PM Santa Catalina Church

Come as you are. Bring your hopes and burdens, your joys and sorrows. Together, we will place them in the merciful heart of Jesus, who waits for each of us with arms outstretched in love.

With prayerful anticipation,

"Jesus, I trust in You."



Outreach

Join Us for CCST's Red Wagon Fundraising Luncheon— April 27

Please join us for the fifth annual Red Wagon Fundraiser benefiting the Christ Child Society of Tucson (CCST) being held at The Highlands at Dove Mountain. Thanks to your generous past donations, we are made a lasting impact on our community in Southern Arizona. Details available online: www.christchildtucson.org

Making a Difference in 2024

Together, we accomplished so much:

- 750+ dignity bags distributed to foster teens
- 600+ layettes (baby shower in a bag), including 14,440 diapers, given to moms in need
- 1,450 books donated to children, plus a book vending machine for San Xavier Mission School

We work with eleven partner agencies to distribute layettes, including:

- Casa de los Niños
- Catholic Community Services of Southern AZ
- Pima Health
- Reachout ... and more

We collaborate with five agencies to distribute foster teen dignity bags, including:



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- Children's Advocacy Center
- Casa de los Niños ... and others. We support kinship families and children with incarcerated parents.



We also provide book vending machines which we refill biannually with books at 3 schools.

How Can You Help?

If you'd like to attend our fundraising event on April 27th, contact Deb Auclair at (585)309-9064 or sajm@santacatalinaparish.org, or follow the QR code.

If you are unable to attend our event, we gratefully welcome your donation by check. You can make a check payable to CCST and mail it to: PO Box 36212, Tucson, AZ 85740. Every contribution makes a tremendous difference.

CCST is an AZ Qualified Charitable Organization. QCO code 22131.

Your donation directly supports over 2,700 moms, infants, school-aged children, and teens each year. Every penny counts—all funds go toward essential program services, and donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law. ✝

Save the Date - Apr 26 - 27 - Sock & Underwear Drive for Casa Maria Soup Kitchen



Casa Maria Soup Kitchen not only serves soup to hundreds of homeless people daily, they also provide daily essentials, like clothing, to those in need.

We all know how great we feel putting on new socks or underwear. Let us share that simple wonderful feeling with them. The collection will be April 26-27 after all masses. ✝

Would You like to find out how you can help the homeless in Tucson?

Join the next Local Immersion Tour on April 21 and April 23 from 8:00 - 11:30 am.

The tours leave from the church parking lot and take a small group to Casa Maria Catholic Workers Community which provides meals and clothing for

those in need, and Sister Jose Women's Center which provides meals, clothing, shelter, and counseling for homeless women. If you are interested in a tour, send an email to reserve your spot to sajm@santacatalinaparish.org. ✝



From Lourdes to Tucson: Jean Fenigan's Mission to Shelter Homeless Women

On March 23, Santa Catalina Catholic Church hosted a presentation featuring Jean Fenigan, the founder and chief mission officer of Sister Jose Women's Shelter. Jean's advocacy for women was sparked by an eye-opening experience at the healing center in Lourdes, France, which attracts 6 million visitors annually and relies solely on volunteers. While volunteering, Jean learned about the lack of shelters for homeless women in France, which led her to establish Sister Jose Women's Shelter in Arizona, inspired by Sister Jose Hobday's call to action: "Stand up, look around, find someone who needs something."

The presentation highlighted the growing issue of homelessness among women. In 2025, women constitute 33% of the homeless population, up from 20% two decades earlier. This increase is notably prevalent among senior women, driven by inadequate Social Security benefits averaging \$941 per month, against the backdrop of the lowest-priced studio in Tucson costing \$1,000. Consequently, single women find it virtually impossible to afford housing.

Initially, her shelter could accommodate 13 women, but it has expanded to 54 beds. Despite this increase, the demand far exceeds the supply, with three times as many women in need of housing. Jean detailed her long-term potential solution:



JEAN FENIGAN, FOUNDER SR. JOSE WOMEN'S SHELTER

purchasing an acre of land to construct tiny houses.



The shelter also addresses the unique needs of these women by allowing pets, providing security and companionship, crucial for those vulnerable to trafficking and other dangers. Additionally, a touching moment arose when St. Vincent de Paul donated silk pajamas. This gesture led to bonding among the residents, fostering a sense of community within the shelter.

To support the ongoing efforts of Sister Jose Women's Shelter, donations are encouraged through Qualified Charitable Organization number #20826, especially with the tax filing deadline approaching. Contributions will aid in continuing the crucial work of providing a safe haven for homeless women in Tucson. †

A *Thank-You* to Our Parish from Youth On Their Own

Youth On Their Own (YOTO) extends its deepest gratitude to the incredibly generous parishioners of Santa Catalina Catholic Church for their heartfelt and overwhelming response in support of homeless youth. Your kindness in helping to stock the YOTO Mini Mall speaks volumes of your compassion and commitment. This essential service provides free basic necessities to vulnerable students,



empowering them to stay in school, persevere through hardship, and truly thrive. Your support is making a profound difference in their lives—thank you for standing with us. †



SAJM Earth Day Reflection: Caring for Our Common Home

SAJM invites you to prepare for Earth Day by engaging in a thoughtful reflection on our shared environment.

During this Lenten season, we encourage you to explore the beautifully designed "Climate" Stations of the Cross developed by the Metro New York Catholic Climate Movement. Each Station features a meaningful quote from Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, paired with beautiful artwork by German painter Gebhard Fugel (1863-1939).

These Stations offer a unique opportunity to connect our spiritual journey with environmental awareness. The creators thoughtfully combined Fugel's traditional religious paintings with powerful images that highlight the current challenges facing our planet. Many who



have engaged with this resource have found it to be both spiritually enriching and environmentally illuminating.

We invite you to take a moment for prayerful reflection with these Stations, considering both your spiritual path and our responsibility toward Earth, our common home.

You can download the resource at: <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resources/stations-of-the-cross-in-the-wake-of-the-climate-crisis/>

Earth Day is approaching on April 22nd.

We look forward to connecting with you about additional Earth Day activities soon.

We gratefully acknowledge the Catholic Climate Covenant for this content. ☩